

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A flush toilet that uses a prescribed amount of cleansing water stored in a cleansing water tank to cleanse the toilet and discharge waste, said flush toilet comprises:

a bowl having a bowl-shaped waste receiving surface, a rim constituting an upper edge portion whose inner surface overhangs inward and a shelf formed between the rim and the waste receiving surface;

a drainage channel whose inlet is connected to the bottom of the bowl for discharging waste;

a first water channel for supplying cleansing water from the cleansing water tank, the first water channel having an end forming a first water spout for spouting cleansing water onto the shelf of the bowl to form a vortex; and

a second water channel for supplying cleansing water from the cleansing water tank, the second water channel having an end forming a second water spout for spouting cleansing water onto the shelf of the bowl in the same direction as the swirling direction of the ~~vortex~~ vortex;

wherein the bowl is substantially elliptical, having laterally opposed sides and a fore and an aft end, the sides having a radius of curvature that is relatively large compared to a radius of curvature of the aft end, the first water spout is located on one side of the bowl relative to its fore-aft center axis at a location adjacent a point where a radius of curvature of the bowl changes from a smaller value to a larger value and the second water spout is located on the other side of the fore-aft center axis at a location adjacent a point where the radius of curvature of the bowl changes from a larger value to a smaller value.

2. (Currently Amended) A flush toilet according to claim 1, wherein the second water channel makes a substantially horizontal U-turn prior to forming the second water spout.

3. (Previously Presented) A flush toilet according to claim 1, wherein said flush toilet further comprises a jet hole section arranged to spout water toward the inlet of the drainage channel.

4. (Currently Amended) A flush toilet according to claim 1, wherein ~~the bowl is substantially elliptical, having laterally opposing sides with relatively large radii of curvature and a fore and an aft end and, the laterally opposing sides each joining a section with relatively smaller radii of curvature at their aft end, the first water spout is located on one side of the bowl relative to its fore-aft center axis at a point near a point where the radius of curvature of the bowl changes from a smaller value to a larger value and the second water spout is located on the other side of the bowl at a point near a point where the radius of curvature of the bowl changes from a larger value to a smaller value~~ the first water spout and the second water spout are both located adjacent to the aft end of the bowl.

5. (Previously Presented) A flush toilet according to claim 1, wherein the amount of water spouted at the rim from the first water spout is greater than the amount of water spouted at the rim from second water.

6. (Previously Presented) A flush toilet according to claim 5, wherein the amount of water spouted at the rim from the first water spout is 0.6 to 2.3 liters and the amount of amount of water spouted at the rim from the second water spout is 0.4 to 1.2 liters.

7. (Previously Presented) A flush toilet according claim 1, wherein the total amount of water spouted at the rim from the first and second water spouts is at least 1.0 liter.

8. (Previously Presented) A flush toilet according to claim 3, wherein the amount of water spouted from the jet hole section is greater than the total amount of water spouted at the rim from the first water spout and second water spout.

9. (Previously Presented) A flush toilet according to claim 8, wherein when the capacity of the cleansing water tank is 6 liters, the total amount of water spouted at the rim

from the first water spout and second water spout is 1 to 3 liters and the amount of water spouted from the jet hole section is 5 to 3 liters.

10. (Previously Presented) A flush toilet according to claim 1, wherein the shelf of the bowl is formed to vary in width in a manner that causes the main stream of the cleansing water spouted the first water spouting section to flow toward the inlet of the drainage channel.

11. (Original) A flush toilet according to claim 10, wherein the width of the shelf of the bowl is formed wider at regions on opposite lateral sides of the bowl relative to its fore-aft center axis and formed narrower at the front end region of the bowl.

12. (Previously Presented) A flush toilet according to claim 1, wherein the shelf of the bowl is sloped downward, the angle of inclination being downward within the range of 0 to 15 degrees.

13. (Withdrawn) A flush toilet that uses cleansing water supplied from a service water pipe to cleanse the toilet and discharge waste, said flush toilet comprises:

- a bowl having a bowl-shaped waste receiving surface, a rim constituting an upper edge portion whose inner surface overhangs inward and a shelf formed between the rim and the waste receiving surface;

- a drainage channel whose inlet is connected to the bottom of the bowl for discharging waste;

- a first water spouting section for spouting cleansing water onto the shelf of the bowl to form a vortex;

- a second water spouting section for spouting cleansing water onto shelf of the bowl in the same direction as the swirling direction of the vortex;

- a first water channel for supplying cleansing water from the service water pipe to the first water spouting section; and

- a second water channel for supplying cleansing water from the service water pipe to the second water spouting section.

14. (Withdrawn) A flush toilet according to claim 13, wherein said flush toilet further comprises means for making the flow rate of cleansing water supplied from the service water pipe to the first water channel and second water channel constant.

15. (Withdrawn) A flush toilet according to claim 14, wherein said flush toilet further comprises a jet hole section arranged to spout water toward the inlet of the drainage channel and means for controlling the spouting of water from the jet hole section to occur later than or simultaneously with the spouting of water from the first water spouting section and second water spouting section.

16. (Withdrawn) A flush toilet that uses cleansing water stored in a cleansing water tank and cleansing water supplied from a service water pipe to cleanse the toilet and discharge waste, said flush toilet comprises:

- a bowl having a bowl-shaped waste receiving surface, a rim constituting an upper edge portion whose inner surface overhangs inward and a shelf formed between the rim and the waste receiving surface;

- a drainage channel whose inlet is connected to the bottom of the bowl for discharging waste;

- a jet hole section arranged to spout cleansing water supplied from the cleansing water tank toward the inlet of the drainage channel;

- a first water spouting section for spouting cleansing water supplied from the service water pipe onto the shelf of the bowl to form a vortex;

- a second water spouting section for spouting cleansing water supplied from the service water pipe onto shelf of the bowl in the same direction as the swirling direction of the vortex;

- a first water channel for supplying cleansing water from the service water pipe to the first water spouting section; and

- a second water channel for supplying cleansing water from the service water pipe to the second water spouting section.

17. (Withdrawn) A flush toilet according to claim 16, wherein said flush toilet further comprises means for controlling the spouting of water from the jet hole section to occur later than or simultaneously with the spouting of water from the first water spouting section and second water spouting section.

18. (Currently Amended) A flush toilet that uses a prescribed amount of cleansing water to cleanse the toilet and discharge waste, said flush toilet comprises:

a bowl having a bowl-shaped waste receiving surface, a rim constituting an upper edge portion whose inner surface overhangs inward and a shelf formed between the rim and the waste receiving surface;

a drainage channel whose inlet is connected to the bottom of the bowl for discharging waste;

a first water channel having an end forming a first water spout for spouting a first amount of cleansing water onto the shelf of the bowl to form a vortex, the first water channel supplying the first amount of cleansing water to the first water spout; ~~and~~

a second water channel having an end forming a second water spout for spouting a second amount of cleansing water onto the shelf of the bowl in the same direction as the swirling direction of the vortex, the second water channel making a substantially horizontal U-turn prior to supplying the second amount of cleansing water to the second water ~~spout~~ spout, the first amount of cleansing water being greater than the second amount of cleansing water; and

a jet hole section arranged to spout water toward the inlet of the drainage channel;

wherein ~~the amount of water spouted at the rim from the first water spout is greater than the amount of water spouted at the rim from the second water spout~~ the bowl is substantially elliptical, having laterally opposed sides and a fore and an aft end, the sides having a radius of curvature that is relatively large compared to a radius of curvature of the aft end, the first water spout is located on one side of the bowl relative to its fore-aft center axis at a location adjacent a point where a radius of curvature of the bowl changes from a smaller value to a larger value and the second water spout is located on the other side of the fore-aft center axis at a location adjacent a point where the radius of curvature of the bowl changes from a larger value to a smaller value.